

## **Minutes of the Bloomington Township Board**

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. on September 8, 2016, at 2111 W. Vernal Pike.

Board members present were Vic Kelson and Barbara McKinney. Also present were Trustee Lillian Henegar, Chief Joel Bomgardner and Deputy Trustee Lisa Myers.

### **AGENDA**

The agenda was amended to include public comment as part of the 2017 Budget Public Hearing. Barbara moved to accept the agenda as amended. Vic seconded, motion passed unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Barbara moved to accept the minutes of the August 18, 2016, board meeting as presented. Vic seconded, motion passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**2017 Budget Public Hearing:** The 2017 Budget Public Hearing was called to order. Lillian directed attention to the new budget handouts. Those items include the annual direct assistance comparison spreadsheet; a spreadsheet comparing the budgets, rates and assessed values; an updated Form 4B, and an updated firefighter salary spreadsheet. Discussion ensued.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

**2017 Benton Township Contract:** The proposed contract for Benton Township was discussed. Barbara moved to approve the Benton Township Fire Protection Contract in the amount of \$130,000. Vic seconded, motion passed unanimously. The contract was signed by the Board and Trustee.

**Revised 2016 Salary Resolution:** The Salary Resolution has been revised to reflect the promotion of David Calvin to Deputy Fire Chief. The resolution was changed to increase the number of Deputy Chiefs from one (1) to two (2). Barbara moved to approve the 2016 Revised Salary Resolution as presented. Vic seconded, motion passed unanimously.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **REPORTS**

**Trustee:** Lillian highlighted the monthly direct assistance spreadsheet. We are anticipating the need to transfer additional funds to the medical and burial lines prior to the end of year.

The shared maintenance cost for Hoosier Hills Food Bank will increase to \$0.18 per pound in 2017. The current rate is \$0.16 per pound.

Carilyn Dillman has moved her planned retirement date to November 30. A farewell lunch has been scheduled for Friday, November 18.

West Vernal Pike will be undergoing a name change due to the changes caused by I-69. The new name has not yet been decided and the exact date of the change is unknown.

The Indiana Township Association (ITA) conference will be held from September 19 – 21. Kim Alexander will serve as Deputy Trustee during that time.

Current caseworker, Liz Lopez, will take over the Senior Caseworker duties upon Carilyn's retirement. The hiring process for a new caseworker will begin in October.

The Township is planning to purchase diapers for caseworkers to distribute to families in need. We are also exploring other agencies that provide diapers in the hope of granting them additional financial assistance.

The search is ongoing to locate property for a fire station in Washington Township.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 13.

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Vic Kelson, Secretary